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Annual Reports

OF THE TOWN OF

Grantham, N. H.

1903.

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF GRANTHAM

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

1903.

MANCHESTER, N. H :
PRINTED BY THE JOHN B. CLARKE COMPANY,
1903.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

For the Year ending February 14, 1903.

Taxes assessed April 1, 1902	$2,508.48

Assets.

Taxes due on 1894	$12.11
1896	34.67
1897	19.14
1898	35.07
1899	37.37
1900	73.59
1901	76.22
1902	396.45
In hands of treasurer	43.13
	$727.75

Liabilities.

due on funds and notes.

School fund	$240.00
Dunbar Hill cemetery fund	410.00
East Grantham cemetery fund, How lot	51.50
East Grantham cemetery fund, Brown lot	151.87
E. L. Walker, note	410.00
Ralph ~~Walker, note~~ R. Howard note	410.00
Edwin Howard, note	305.50
Total	$1,978.87

Abatements.

Young, Charles D., 1895	$0.22
Young, Benjamin, 1895	.88
Hastings, Mary A., 1901	3.08
Hastings, James M., overtax, 1902	1.72
Total	$5.90

School Money.

Required by law	$270.00
Literary fund	47.00
Interest on school fund	7.20
Received on leases	37.09
In hands of town	273.31
Received from state	145.96
Total	$780.56
School orders drawn	476.97
Due school district	$303.59
Due on leases	$34.09

Memorandum of Town Property.

Library, 1 road machine, 2 iron scrapers, 1 hearse, 1 hearse house.

Respectfully submitted.

HARRY G. WALKER,
D. D. THORNTON,
J. J. GAULT,
Selectmen of Grantham.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

Received,	W. H. Howard, former treasurer.....	$404.23
	county of Sullivan, pauper bills.....	5.25
	state railroad tax	83.85
	savings bank tax.....	84.51
	literary fund	47.00
	proportion of school fund.....	145.96
	dog license	74.95
	leases	37.09
	Lucy A. Pierce, on James Barton farm	50.00
	Lucy A. Pierce, on James Barton farm, interest	2.25
	Amy Dion, one half liquor fine.....	50.00
	Sarah Brown's estate, for care of her lot in cemetery	150.00
	D. E. Ryde, hired money.....	400.00
	M. E. Horton, hired money.....	100.00
	E. L. Walker, hired money.....	400.00
	C. A. Thompson, hired money.....	300.00
	R. E. Howard	400.00
	Edwin Howard	300.00
	A. D. Noyse, for goods.....	2.80
	on 1895 tax book	14.86
	on 1896 tax book	12.22
	on 1898 tax book	18.61
	on 1899 tax book	18.98
	on 1900 tax book	48.38
	on 1901 tax book	246.26
	on 1901 tax book, interest.....	1.75
	on 1902 tax book	2,112.00
Total		$5,510.95

Cr.

Paid county tax	$354.52
state tax	229.50
Total	$584.02

SCHOOL.

Paid W. H. Howard, treasurer, school money	$476.97
W. H. Howard, school supplies	11.09
Total	$488.06

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid J. M. Howe, printing reports	$19.50
F. O. Chellis, counsel in Amy Dion's case	8.00
Dr. F. P. Claggett, return of birth	.25
J. V. Gunnison, conveying H. W. Thornton to Industrial School	14.13
F. P. Rowell, expense in H. W. Thornton case	13.46
G. H. Walker, broom, postage, etc	1.58
J. M. Howe, catalogue supplements	3.75
Carrie M. Buswell, library tax	50.00
H. W. Parker, legal advice to Howe and Hanaford	7.00
Dr. H. A. Hanaford, return births and deaths	2.75
Reed & Buswell, lumber for hearse house	18.62
D. D. Thornton, care of hearse	6.00
D. D. Thornton, keeping tramps	10.00
F. E. Lovell, tax and surveyors' books	1.59
H. G. Walker, expense in Dion case	2.00
H. G. Walker, stationery and postage	1.50
A. S. Waite, legal advice	2.00
J. M. Hastings, overtax	1.72
Total	$163.85

DOG DAMAGE.

Paid	D. H. Currier, killing two dogs	$2.00
	Perley Walker, damage to sheep	3.94
	E. G. Eastman, damage to sheep	11.83
	W. H. Miller, damage to sheep	15.77
	D. D. Thornton, damage to sheep	13.14
	D. A. Thornton, damage to sheep	5.28
	Charles McDaniel, damage to sheep	1.31
	J. H. Merrill, damage to sheep	13.14
	J. M. Hastings and S. Colby, damage to sheep	8.54
	Total	$74.95

USE OF WATERING TROUGHS.

Paid	M. P. Burpee	$1.50
	W. H. Miller	2.50
	D. H. Currier	2.50
	Warren Emerson, two years	4.50
	Total	$11.00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid	J. M. Howe, librarian	$15.30
	Clara B. Howe, services on school board	15.00
	H. W. Hurd, services on school board	10.00
	M. E. Horton, services on school board	5.00
	J. M. Hastings, services as supervisor	5.00
	E. A. Spiller, services as supervisor	5.00
	E. L. Walker, services as supervisor	5.00
	J. M. Hastings, tax collector	35.00
	J. M. Hastings, tax collector, on 1895-1896 book	2.70
	A. L. Shedd and J. M. Howe, auditors	2.00
	G. H. Walker, town clerk	10.00
	H. G. Walker, selectman and overseer of poor	35.00
	D. D. Thornton, selectman	20.00
	J. J. Gault, selectman	15.00

Paid	H. A. Hanaford, member board of health..	$3.50
	J. M. Howe, member board of health.....	3.50
	Perley Walker, member board of health....	1.00
	W. H. Howard, town treasurer.....	15.00
	W. H. Howard, school treasurer.....	5.00
	Total	$208.00

SUPPORT OF POOR, COUNTY CHARGES.

Paid	G. H. Walker, goods for David Laroe's family	$5.25

PAID HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Paid	E. L. Walker, surveyor in District No. 1....	$136.09
	J. M. Hastings, surveyor in District No. 2..	57.44
	M. P. Burpee, surveyor in District No. 3....	64.02
	J. J. Gault, surveyor in District No. 4.....	31.65
	J. B. Green, surveyor in District No. 5....	114.61
	A. L. Shedd, surveyor in District No. 6....	111.20
	M. V. B. Hastings, surveyor in District No. 7	8.61
	W. H. Miller, surveyor in District No. 8....	45.12
	Total	$568.74

PAID ON FUNDS AND NOTES.

Paid	Perley Walker, on Hayward fund.....	$2.00
	C. A. Thompson, note in full.....	307.50
	D. E. Ryder, note in full.....	410.50
	M. E. Horton, note in full.....	102.63
	Total	$822.63

EXPENSE ON ACCOUNT OF SMALLPOX.

Paid	Dr. H. A. Hanaford, medical attendance....	$1,125.00
	A. D. Noyes, nurse	500.00
	J. S. Mills, undertaker and quarantine officer	339.50
	Ira B. Walker, goods and clothing.....	63.69
	D. D. Thornton, wood	6.50
	E. L. Dion, freighting to pesthouse.....	10.50

Paid E. E. Spiller, freighting and stove	$9.00
F. E. Chapman, shackle	.75
Lena E. Hanaford, food and bedding	19.55
J. M. Howe, bedding and one trip to pest-house	6.80
Perley Walker, wood and potatoes	3.78
Carlton Hurd, drugs and medicine	107.03
F. D. Craig, bread	1.15
E. K. York, horse hire	27.00
Dr. H. L. Stickney, services in camp	75.00
A. I. Hurd, opening grave and work	10.00
G. H. Walker, goods and furniture	75.27
F. L. Hudson, cordwood	3.00
J. V. Gunnison, taking men to camp	9.00
D. W. Barton, rent of pesthouse	100.00
D. H. Rooney, taking men to pesthouse	40.00
Whitmore & Griffin, horsehire and feed for Dr. Hanaford	5.75
G. W. Dunbar, bed and milk for pesthouse	2.10
S. W. Gilman, lamp and crackers for pest-house	.95
Total	$2,541.32

Recapitulation.

Whole amount received		$5,510.95
County tax	$354.52	
State tax	229.50	
Schools	476.97	
School supplies	11.09	
Miscellaneous bills	163.85	
Dog damage	74.95	
Use of watering troughs	11.00	
Town officers	208.00	
Support of poor, county charge	5.25	
Highway surveyors	568.74	

On funds and notes	$822.63	
Smallpox	2,541.32	
Whole amount paid out.....		$5,467.82
Balance in hands of treasurer.....		$43.13

W. H. HOWARD,
Treasurer.

SURVEYORS' REPORTS.

E. L. Walker, District No. 1.

Paid	Reed & Buswell, work on highway	$16.00
	Reed & Buswell, lumber	7.26
	Arthur C. Thompson, work on highway	8.85
	Elmer A. Spiller, work on highway	1.05
	D. H. Currier, work on highway	1.50
	D. D. Thornton, work on highway	1.20
	F. E. Chapman, sharpening drills and repairing road machine	1.65
	F. B. Pillsbury, lumber and labor on highway	34.97
	Albert Collins & Son, lumber	2.86
	Elwin L. Walker, lumber and labor on highway	20.50
	W. O. Lewis, lumber and labor on highway	4.05
	Jerome J. Gault, lumber and labor on highway	10.25
	Van W. Hastings, lumber and labor on highway	14.10
		$124.24

SNOW BILL.

Paid	Elwin L. Walker, breaking roads	$6.75
	H. F. Kimball, breaking roads	5.10
		$11.85

J. M. Hastings, District No. 2.

Paid	J. M. Hastings, work	$28.12
	James M. Hastings, plank	7.48

Paid S. B. Colby, work	$6.31
Frank Hastings, work	7.13
Total	$49.04

SNOW BILL.

Paid James M. Hastings	$8.40

M. P. BURPEE, DISTRICT No. 3.

Paid C. O. Barton, labor on highway	$12.50
S. H. Brooks, labor on highway	11.25
J. L. Colburn, labor on highway	7.81
Roy Hastings, labor on highway	.38
M. P. Burpee and team, labor on highway	16.25
318 feet plank at 10c	3.18
	$51.37

SNOW BILL.

Paid M. P. Burpee, breaking roads	$12.65

J. J. GAULT, DISTRICT No. 4.

Paid D. Currier	$2.74
J. J. Gault	4.75
Isaac Renney	5.00
D. Renney	1.50
E. L. Walker	1.50
David Renney	1.50
C. O. Barton	1.50
Udo Currier	.75
J. J. Gault	1.61
	$20.85

SNOW BILL.

Paid David Renney	$9.20
H. P. Howe	1.00
Udo Currier	.60
	$10.80

James B. Green, District No. 5.

Paid	James B. Green, work on highway	$46.12
	D. H. Currier	5.62
	Ora Barton	3.00
	D. D. Thornton	1.25
	A. G. Coon	1.25
	Hiram Morse	5.62
	Van W. Hastings	4.50
	John A. Patten	8.37
	A. Collins & Son, plank	32.68
	Total	$108.41

SNOW BILL.

Paid	James B. Green	$6.20

Albert L. Shedd, District No. 6.

Paid	Albert L. Shedd, work	$56.75
	Albert L. Shedd, plank and lumber	27.10
	Epaphra Sherman, work	6.00
	Van Hastings, work	1.50
	W. H. Howard	1.50
	Richard Howard	3.35
	Jerome Gault	4.00
	for gravel	5.00
		$105.20

SNOW BILL.

Paid	H. F. Kimball	$5.00
	W. H. Howard	1.00
		$6.00

M. V. B. Hastings, District No. 7.

Paid	M. V. B. Hastings, work on highway	$0.50
	M. V. B. Hastings, plank	1.06
	H. G. Walker, work	.25
	Total	$1.81

SNOW BILL.

Paid M. V. B. Hastings	$2.50
H. G. Walker	3.50
H. F. Kimball	.80
Total	$6.80

W. H. Miller, District No. 8.

Paid for labor	$17.87
Ora C. Hastings	16.25
for plank and material	5.80
	$39.92

SNOW BILL.

Paid W. H. Miller, breaking roads	$4.20
C. H. Bean	1.00
	$5.20

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

For School Purposes.

RECEIPTS.

Received of W. H. Howard, town treasurer.....	$476.97

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Bertha Brewer, cleaning two schoolhouses..	$2.50
Joshua H. Dunbar, building fires and work, 1901 bill	1.55
Amy N. Brown, teaching 2 terms and board	145.00
Kate L. Hurd, teaching 2 terms and board..	161.00
Mabel Cooper, teaching and board.....	55.00
Mae E. Glidden, teaching and board.....	60.00
H. W. Hurd, express and blackboard.....	3.77
C. H. Bean, transportation of scholars.....	19.30
David Laro, transportation of scholars.....	13.00
Joshua H. Dunbar, building fires, etc.....	2.20
George W. Hastings, care of school-room....	1.00
Mrs. J. E. Corliss, cleaning schoolhouse....	1.00
Lewis Scott	5.00
Reed & Buswell, wood.....	3.15
F. W. Leavitt, wood	2.00
Clara B. Howe, postage, etc.....	1.50
Total	$476.97

For School Supplies.

RECEIPTS.

Received of W. H. Howard, town treasurer.....	$11.09

EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. M. Howe, number, paper, etc.....	$2.90
R. A. Hall, dictionary	1.50
G. H. Walker, school supplies.....	6.69
Total	$11.09

W. H. HOWARD,
Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the selectmen, overseer of the poor, treasurer, school treasurer, and surveyors and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

JAMES M. HOWE,
ALBERT L. SHEDD,
Auditors.

GRANTHAM, N. H., February 16, 1903.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

As required by law, we respectfully submit the following report:

The past year three different schools have been maintained, with a session of twenty-two weeks each in two divisions, and twenty-three weeks at the village.

The whole number of pupils enrolled does not vary greatly from year to year, the past year's enrollment being larger than usual,—eighty-three being the largest number. The average daily attendance was very much less than that, being hardly two thirds as much, which indicates that every day which saw our schools in session found on an average twenty-seven pupils for good and sufficient reason, or the reverse, absent. Judging from this fact, there are still some among us who regard the acquisition of knowledge of very slight importance.

In the North Road division, the whooping-cough kept many away, while others had it for an excuse for not sending their scholars to school.

We have employed four different teachers during the year, and we believe that the faithful and conscientious discharge of duty on the part of the teacher has been the rule and not the exception.

It seems to me the most unsatisfactory feature of the past year's work has been the failure of those having children in their charge to enforce regularity of attendance. The strength and safety of our republican form of government depends upon the education of the mass of the people, rich and poor alike; hence the vital importance of parents and citizens lending their strength and influence to the support of our free public schools.

Respectfully submitted.

CLARA B. HOWE,
Chairman of School Board.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Village District.

Katherine L. Hurd, Bernice Reed, Beatrice Reed, Eva V. Thornton, Rotha R. Tobine, Richard R. Tobine.

North Grantham.

Harold A. Brown, Carl A. Brown, George W. Hastings, Lora B. Hastings, Eva M. Leavitt, G. Anna Robinson.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Whole number of books loaned from February 15, 1902, to February 15, 1903, 943.

Average per week, about 19.

Money taken for fines, $1.12.

New books added this year, 119.

Last year our townsman, C. T. Mather, kindly donated to the library a set of Encyclopædia Dictionaries, four volumes, also a full set of Encyclopædias.

JAMES M. HOWE,
Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in treasury February 15, 1902.....		$70.45
Paid for new books.....	$71.81	
Postage and freight	.74	
		72.55
Amount overdrawn		$2.10
Received from town February 15, 1903.....		$50.00
Received from fines		1.12
Amount in treasury February 17, 1903.....		$49.02

CARRIE M BUSWELL,
Treasurer.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GRANTHAM,

Date of birth.	Name of the child (if any).	Sex.	Living or still-born.	Number of child.	Color.	Father's age.	Mother's age.	Name of father.
Jan. 2	.....	F	L	7th	W	47	40	Albert L. Shedd .....
Feb. 27	Hazel Ella Bean.....	"	"	5th	"	44	34	Charles H. Bean.....
Mar. 7	Helen S. Hartshorn.....	"	"	2d	"	27	23	Grant R. Hartshorn ...
May 25	John Edward Loiselle	M	"	2d	"	32	24	Oscar D. Loiselle.....
31	Paul Clyde Colburn.....	"	"	6th	"	41	32	James L. Colburn.....
June 19	Leo Wilfred Hastings.....	"	"	2d	"	25	22	Van W. Hastings .....
July 14	Sophonia Rosilla Smith.....	F	"	3d	"	36	19	Bertis H. Smith .....
Aug. 8	Daniel Thornton.....	M	"	2d	"	47	22	Norman C. Thornton....
28	Myrtle E. Hastings	F	"	1st	"	17	17	Leroy N. Hastings .....
Oct. 6	.....	"	"	6th	"	31	28	Elbridge M. Smith .....
Dec. 4	.....	M	"	7th	"	32	34	Josiah G. Thompson....
19	Clyde Simeon Smith.....	"	"	1st	"	26	19	Emmet J. Smith .....

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GRANTHAM,

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age of each.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.
Jan. 21	Lebanon .	Emmet J. Smith	Grantham	25	W	Farmer	Grantham ...
		Grace L. Sterlin	"	18	"	Housekeeper ..	Windsor, Vt..
Aug. 27	Grantham.	George F. Pecor	"	19	"	Laborer.....	Grafton .....
		Rosie M. Laro	"	18	"	Housekeeper ..	Enfield.....
Oct. 21	Concord ..	Clar'nce Mathewson	Norwich, Conn.	26	"	Cook	Norwich, Ct..
		Jospehine Colburn..	Grantham	18	"	Housekeeper ..	Dorchester...
Nov. 8	Grantham.	Norman C. Thornton	"	47	"	Stage driver ...	Grantham....
		Sadie E. Sanborn ...	"	23	"	Housekeeper ..	Grafton .....
Dec. 13	"	Walter H. Austin...	"	39	"	Laborer.....	Enfield.....
		Jennie M. Kimball..	Grafton	23	"	Housekeeper ..	Colebrook ...

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
Ella Chase	W	Grantham	Farmer	Grantham	Weare.
Bertha L. Corliss	"	"	"	"	Meriden.
Florence M. Kenney	"	"	"	Boston, Mass	Concord.
Mary M. Corliss	"	"	Engineer	Gilson	Grantham.
Emma S. Brooks	"	"	Sawyer	Dorchester	Dorchester.
Ella M. Thornton	"	"	Laborer	Crasberg, Vt	Grantham.
Lillian Pierce	"	"	Farmer	Newport	Meriden.
Sadie Pecor	"	"	Stage driver	Grantham	Grafton.
Daisie Eastman	"	"	Farmer	"	Enfield.
Mary Currier	"	"	"	"	Grantham.
Annie Holly	"	"	Blacksmith	West Lebanon	Nova Scotia.
Grace L. Sterlin	"	"	Farmer	Grantham	Windsor, Vt.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

Name of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation of parents.	Number of marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Simeon R. Smith	Percan, Me	Farmer	1st	Rev. W. L. Stone, Lebanon.
Sophronia R. Hastings	Grantham	Housewife	"	
Herbert Sterlin		Teamster		
Eva Cook	Woodstock, Vt	Housewife	"	Rev. C. T. Matthews, Grantham.
Peter Pecor	Wilmot	Laborer		
Almira Sleeper	Alexandria	Housewife	"	
David Laro	Canada	Laborer		
Dalena King	"	Housewife	"	Rev. G. M. Curl, Concord.
Albert Mathewson	Norwich, Conn	Provision merchant		
Carrie Beebe			"	
James L. Colburn	Dorchester	Sawyer		
Eva Brooks	"	Housewife	2d	Rev. C. T. Matthews, Grantham.
Clement C. Thornton	Cornish	Farmer		
Sarah A. Bartlett	Croydon	Housewife	"	
Peter Pecor	Grafton	Farmer		
Almira Sleeper	"	Housewife	1st	Rev. C. T. Matthews, Grantham.
Ezekiel E. F. Austin	Boscawen	Laborer		
Hannah E. Corliss	Grafton	Housekeeper	2d	
Harrison Quimby	Colebrook	Engineer		
Almira Coharkins	Grafton	Housewife		

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GRANTHAM,

Date of death.	Place of death.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age.			Place of birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.
			Years.	Months.	Days.				
Apr. 26	Grantham ...	Emma Collins.....	59	....	....	Sharon, Vt.....	F	W	M
May 31	" ...	Emily Howe.....	77	2	23	Croydon.....	"	"	W
July 11	" ...	Sylvester V. Brewer.	67	11	18	Lockport, Ill.....	M	"	M
Aug. 26	" ...	Daniel Thornton	....	....	19	Grantham	"	"	S
Oct. 16	" ...	Edith M. Hall	17	9	13	Johnson, Vt.....	F	"	"

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, to the

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

Occupation.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
Housewife.....	Norwich, Vt.....	Sharon, Vt.....	Adolphus Rogers...	Laura——
Housekeeper...	.....	.....	Fisher Hill.....	—— Marsh
Farmer.....	North Carolina..	Kentucky.....	William Brewer....	Sabra Johnson
.. ..	Grantham.....	Grafton.....	Norman C. Thornton	Sadie Pecor
Housemaid.....	"	.....	George O. Hall.....	Addie Balch

best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE H. WALKER, *Town Clerk.*